

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 9th October 2011

With Deepest Sympathy

IRTS wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Tom McGrath, EI7HT, on the death of his wife Deirdre.

Suaimhneas síoraí dá hanam.

Echo Ireland

IRTS apologises to members for the delay in producing the current issue of Echo Ireland due to unforeseen circumstances and members should have their copies within the next two weeks.

Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club

With the appointment of the 2011/12 committee under the chairmanship of Martin, Mi0 YMF, the Mid Ulster Club have again committed to a busy schedule promoting amateur radio through education and awareness.

The next course is for the Foundation License and will be held in Portadown, over the Friday evening of the 28th and Saturday 29th October. Registration details and forms are all as listed on the Club's website, www.muarc.com

A further Foundation course is planned for the end of November with the traditional Intermediate course pencilled in for 12 Wednesday evenings from January through to March 2012. Again, the details are posted on the website.

All courses are open to non members with a special welcome extended to existing Mi6 operators wishing to upgrade to 2i0. All course candidates will have the opportunity to benefit from the successful teaching programme and to enjoy the traditional Mid Ulster Club's hospitality.

North Cork Radio Group

Lisa, EI9GSB, writes to tells us that the North Cork Radio Group would like to wish

Edwin, Jer and Chris the best of luck in the forthcoming HAREC exam on 14th October. We know all that study will pay off and we look forward to hearing you on the air. We also wish the other candidates taking the exam good luck and hope to hear some new call signs on the bands.

Exhibition Station at Cork Institute of Technology

Cork Radio Club members will be operating from the CIT campus in Bishopstown, Cork on Tuesday 11 October as part of an initiative to introduce CIT students to amateur radio. Ingo Ei2KF, Tim Ei2KA and Gene Ei6KF (AL7GQ) will operate club call Ei5CRC from the main entrance at CIT from 11am to 3pm. Depending on access for antennas, bands will be 20m, 30m, and possibly 17m, 15m, and 2m on the Cork Repeater. Modes will be phone and CW. The aim is to introduce students to amateur radio and encourage the formation of a student amateur radio society at CIT. Cork Radio Club plans to provide encouragement and support for any interested students. All amateurs are welcome to pay a visit to the station on the day, and particularly club members are welcome since students may later see a familiar face. Location is Rossa Avenue just off Model Farm Road.

South Dublin Radio Club

At the first meeting in October, members of South Dublin Radio Club and visitors were treated to a demonstration and presentation on satellite television. Daniel EI9FHB, along with Charlie EI2EM, showed how equipment originally designed for broadcast satellite television reception can easily be adapted for use in Amateur Television experiments. Daniel spoke also about the current and planned ATV repeaters.

For those more used to operating on HF, using 40 metre dipoles or Yagi arrays, the diminutive antennas used for 10 Gigahertz Amateur Television were quite remarkable.

East Kiribati (T32) DXpedition

The T32C DXpedition to Christmas Island has been on the air for the past two weeks, although it is only in the past week that the main group of operators have been up and running. The group is still without the planned Yagi antennas and is instead using vertical dipole arrays and ground plane antennas; they now have no expectations of the container with the original equipment arriving while they are on the island.

To date, North American and Japanese stations have been dominating the log: at the time of writing, there are more than 60,000 QSOs in the log, of which just 11,000 are with European stations. As of now there are 30 EI and 12 GI stations in the log, with 15 metres and 17 metres being the best bands for propagation between T32 and EI/GI.

The group plans to operate until 26th October, so we can hope that propagation between T32 and Ireland improves between now and then!

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio club have changed their club meeting night to Wednesday night going forward. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 October. Full details can be found on www.limerickradioclub.ie

DX News

DL5YWM is scheduled to be active from the DXCC entity of San Andres and Providencia until 13 October. He will use the callsign HK0/DL5YWM and plans to be on all bands 40-6m.

Another Caribbean activation is W5JON using the call V47JA from St Kitts and Nevis during the period 10 October- 5 November. QSLs go via the home call.

A group of Ukrainian and Russian operators are going to Tahiti from 16-19 October where they will put the call TX3T on the air.

Many of you will have worked Bodo DL3OCH when he was active during 2009 as 5N0OCH from Nigeria. The good news is that not only has he received a new German callsign DF8DX but he is back in Nigeria until mid-October with the new call 5N7Q. He is there to carry out maintenance on a local broadcast station and will have the opportunity to make use of the antennas there for his amateur transmissions.

World's youngest nation joins ITU

The International Telecommunication Union has announced that the world's newest country, South Sudan, has joined the ITU to become the Union's 193rd Member State, effective from 3 October 2011.

Centenary VK100ARV goes on air

For the month of November 2011 the special callsign VK100ARV will be well sought after and qualifies toward the Amateur Radio Centenary Award. For images visit QRZ.COM

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Amateur Wireless Society of Victoria, Australia, formed in 1911, quickly changing its name to the Wireless Institute of Victoria, and today is known as Amateur Radio Victoria.

High Solar Flux

Steve, G0KYA has recently published his UK HF propagation prediction charts for October. In recent times solar flux has been high, however it has since calmed down a little. With Solar flux index high, there is evidence that 10metres is opening up. Visit Steve's blog on www.g0kya.blogspot.com/

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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